

Statewide DUI Enforcement Checkpoints Take Aim to Reduce DUI-Related Crashes and Fatalities



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Delaware – The Delaware State Police and the Office of Highway Safety in partnership with local law enforcement agencies are committed to improving the safety of Delaware's motoring

public. As a result, CheckPoint StrikeForce will be conducted on Saturday, September 1, 2018 at locations throughout the state.

Law enforcement officers from across Delaware will assemble at locations in all three counties to conduct statewide impaired driving checkpoints. The focus will be on behavioral traffic safety issues such as impaired driving, seat belt use, speeding, child passenger safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, motorcycle safety, and teen driving issues.

Drug Recognition Experts (DREs), law enforcement officers trained in detecting drug impaired drivers, will be on hand at the checkpoints to identify drivers impaired by illegal and prescription drugs as well. Please ensure that you plan ahead and find a safe ride home!

To continue it's mission of saving lives by enhancing highway safety, the Delaware Office of Highway Safety will be implementing several countermeasures to combat impaired driving. (A DUI arrest can set you back an average of \$10,000 in attorney fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, car towing and repairs, and more. It could also result in the loss of your license and possibly even your job.)

On Saturday, September 1st, police will be out in full force in Delaware as part of the "CheckPoint StrikeForce" deployment. Three sobriety check points, one in each county, will be conducted at the following locations:

1. New Castle County: U.S. Rt. 40 (Pulaski Hwy.), Newark
2. Kent County: State Rt. 10, Dover
3. Sussex County: State Rt. 54, Selbyville

During the 2017 Labor Day holiday weekend, from September 1st-4th, 12 DUI related crashes were investigated, one of which resulted in a fatality. There were also a total of 83 arrests made statewide for DUI.

If you celebrate the unofficial end of summer and choose to drink and drive during this Labor Day holiday weekend, in addition to jeopardizing the safety of you and other motorists, you could very well be jeopardizing your current job status as well as future employability. Think of those people that you care about, and who care about you, before deciding to get behind the wheel. One bad decision can have permanent ramifications.

For more information, please visit ohs.delaware.gov and www.arrivealivede.com/Drive-Sober.

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